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Applicant	:	Steinert et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/023,275
Filed	:	December 13, 2001
For	:	METHODS FOR AMELIORATING ICHTHYOSIFORM SKIN DISEASES
Examiner	:	Weber, Jon P.
Group Art Unit	:	1651

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 27, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicant responds as follows:

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I Claims 1-4 and 6, drawn to a composition of TGase I and a synthetic lipid vesicle (SLV), classified in class 435, subclass 193.

Group II Claim 5, drawn to a composition of 16-(16-hydroxyhexadecyl)oxyhexadecanoic acid (RN 245447-18-1), classified in class 554, subclass 213.

Group III Claims 7-10, drawn to a method of joining involucrin with a SLV, classified in class 530, subclass 353.

Group IV Claim 11, drawn to a method of joining TGase I with a SLV, classified in class 435, subclass 182.

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Group V Claim 12, drawn to a method of joining a SLV with 16-(16-hydroxyhexadecyl)oxyhexadecanoic acid, classified in class 424, subclass 450.

Group VI Claim 13, drawn to a method of improving a lipid barrier function in skin with one of the compositions of Group I or II, classified in class 424, subclass 94.5.

Group VII Claim 14, drawn to a method of treating ichthyoses with one of the compositions of Group I or II, classified in class 424, subclass 94.5.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, that is, Claims 1-4 and 6.

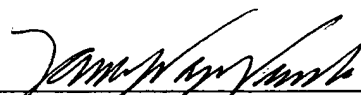
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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